

Phukha language

Phukha is one of the Loloish languages spoken by the Phula people of Vietnam and China.^[1]

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Consonants

Phukha has the following consonants.^[3]

Phukha	
Phula	
Native to	China, Vietnam
Ethnicity	18,000 Phula people (undated – 2009) ^[1]
Native speakers	100,000 (2008–2011) ^[1]
Language family	<p>Sino-Tibetan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lolo-Burmese ▪ Loloish ▪ Southeastern ▪ Highland Phula ▪ Phowa ▪ Hlepho–Phukha ▪ Phukha
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	phh
Glottolog	phuk1235 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/phuk1235) ^[2]

		Labial	Coronal		Retroflex	Palatal	Velar	Uvular
			Central	Lateral				
Stops	Aspirated	p ^h	t ^h				k ^h	
	Voiceless	p	t				k	
	Voiced	b	d				g	
Affricates	Aspirated		ts ^h	tʃ ^h	tʂ ^h	tʃ ^h		
	Voiceless		ts	tʃ	tʂ	tʃ		
	Voiced			dʒ				
Fricatives	Voiceless	f	s	ʃ	ʂ	ʃ		X
	Voiced	v	z	ʒ	ʐ	ʒ		ʂ
	Voiced laryngealized	v*	z*			ʒ*		
Nasals		m	n				ɳ	
Approximants		w		l		j		

Vowels

Phukha has the following vowels.^[3]

	front	central	back unrounded	back rounded
High	i	ɛ	w	u
Hi-Mid	e	ə		o
Lo-Mid	ɛ		ʌ	ɔ
Low		a		

Tones

Phukha has five tones:^[3] high /˥/, mid /˧/, low /˨/, low-rising /˨˧/, and low-falling /˧˥/.

Notes

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